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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR'S "TOP BRASS"

A UNIQUE ACCOMPLISHMENT

BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Harold E. Westerhoff

Christian Endeavor through the years has known a vast number of men who have distinguished themselves by unique accomplishment. Rev. Samuel M. Saffery, Sr., of Honolulu, Hawaii, a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Society, and a key figure on the Local Arrangements Committee for the 4th Pacific Area Conference of the World's Union, is just such a man.

On June 7, 1964, at the age of 75, Mr. Saffery was awarded two master's degrees from Jackson College, Honolulu, at its graduation exercises at Hilton Hawaiian Village, "The Church at Waikiki," in Honolulu.

Pastor of the Waialua Protestant Church, also known as Liliuokalani Church, since 1941, Mr. Saffery had conferred on him the degrees of master of science in religious education and master of arts in theology. He was 73 years old when he was awarded two other degrees from the college—the bachelor of science in education and bachelor of arts in theology.

A retired postal official, he served for 47 years in the Honolulu Post Office, his last year as superintendent of outgoing mails. Upon his retirement he went to Bangor Theological Seminary, Bangor, Maine, to study for a year in 1959. Since that time he has kept unswervingly at his quest for knowledge and education, still serving his church.

Known affectionately as Kahu, he is one of the great Hawaiian Christian leaders. Those who know him see a humble man, a lover of his fellow man, a peace maker, and one with a deep concern that the Gospel of Jesus Christ shall be translated into the lives of those with whom he comes in contact.

In 1962 Mr. Saffery was honored as "Father of the Year" in the field of religion, by the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce. Having dedicated his life to Christ and His cause, Mr. Saffery served for 20 years as a licensed preacher in the churches under the Hawaiian Evangelical Association until he was ordained as pastor at Waialua in 1941, where he continues to the present.

Helping in all his enterprises is Mr. Saffery's wonderful wife, Mulan Ahu. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1960, surrounded by their 11 children and their families. There are 32 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Samuel and Mulan Saffery represent all that is the best of Christian Endeavor. We rejoice at the wonderful way God has blessed them and used them in His service.

August Activities

(Events beginning August 1-15 were listed in the July issue)

16-21—Alabama Camp, Oak Mountain State Park

21-23—Adult Retreat, Oak Mountain State Park
Contact: Rev. Myron H. Weston, 2914 Avenue D, Ensley, Birmingham 35218

15-22—New York State Summer Assembly, Canandaigua

15-22—Junior - Junior High Summer Assembly, Cresco, Pennsylvania
Contact: Mildred A. L. Christgau, 60-77 68th Avenue, Brooklyn 11227

22-27—New Jersey Conference, Drew University, Madison

30-September 3—Junior High Conference, Pipersville, Pennsylvania
Contact: Rev. James J. Dracup, P.O. Box 676, Willingboro 08046

23-29—Ohio Conference, Hidden Hollow Camp, Bellville
Contact: James V. Waddell, 309 Rosslyn Boulevard, Steubenville 43952

28-September 4—Ontario Summer Conference, Chesley Lake Camp
Contact: Florence Zimmerman, 231 High Street, Fort Erie

COVER CLUES

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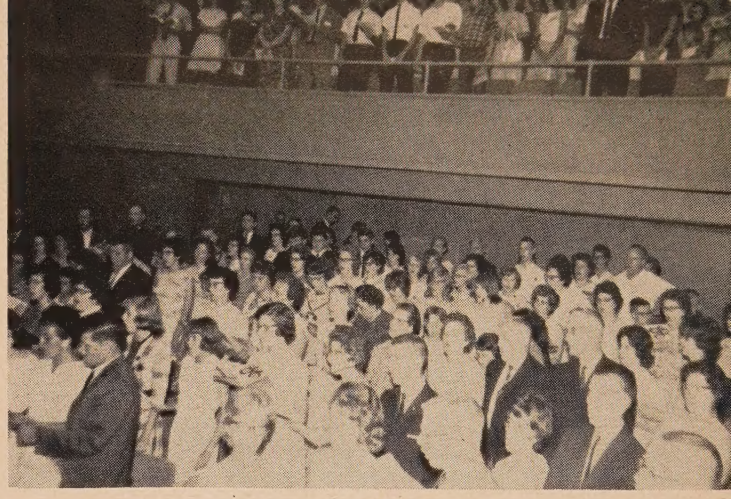
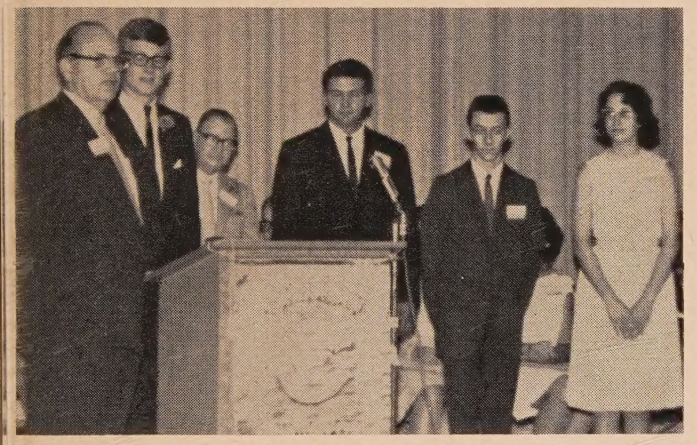
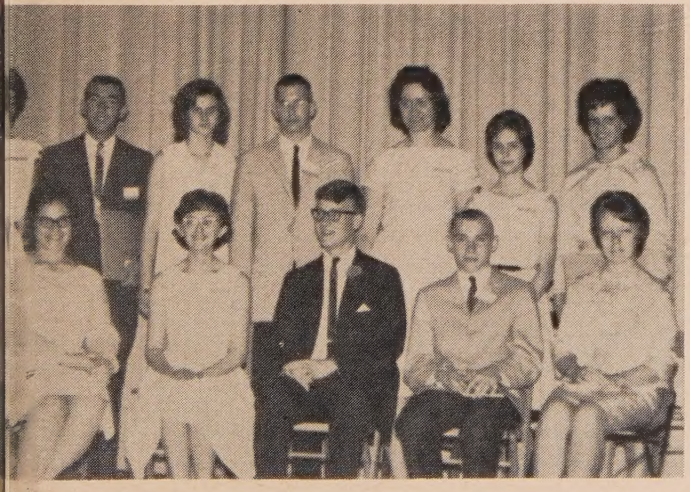


LEFT—Keynote message was given by Arch J. McQuilkin, International Society president. RIGHT—The opening night crowd overflowed Hall Memorial Auditorium.



THE ENDEAVORER OF THE YEAR, Conrad K. Clippinger II (second from left), and the three runners-up, (from right) Theresa May Siebert, Lawrence L. Hanby, and Douglas A. Becker, were introduced by Harold Westerhoff (left) to Arch McQuilkin.

WINNERS present to receive the 1964 citizenship awards included individuals (front row) and representatives of societies (standing). Top individual winner was Margaret Jean Leseiko of Ambridge, Pennsylvania (seated, left). Jane Clippinger (standing, left) represented the Senior Christian Endeavor Society of the United Presbyterian Church, Covington, Ohio, which took top group honors.



Opening Night At Otterbein

Christian Endeavor's International Summer Assembly at Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio, July 6-11, was an experience in Christian living and education. Over 110 representative Christian youth from the United States, Canada, and Mexico spent five days in constructive study of various aspects of the Christian life.

The assembly opened with a mass meeting attended by many visitors. The Albert H. Diebold Awards were presented to eighteen winning individuals and Christian Endeavor societies by Arch J. McQuilkin, president of the International Society. The 1964 Endeavorer of the Year, Conrad K. Clippinger II of Covington, Ohio, and three runners-up in the selection were presented by Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of the International Society. Mr. McQuilkin brought the keynote message.

Following the service the Franklin County (Ohio) Christian Endeavor Union was host at an informal reception for delegates and visitors in the lounge of Cochran Hall.

Summer Assembly reports and pictures will be featured in the September issue.

Photos by Warren Lund

FRANKLIN COUNTY officers serving at the punch table are (from left) Mary Adams, Barbara Christman, and Sharon Spurlock.

My ONE WAY Testament

By Charles Todd III

Two months ago Denver District Christian Endeavor Union started promotion of its ONE WAY daily Bible reading program. This was designed to acquaint young people with the Scriptures, encourage them to read the Bible, and give them materials they could easily understand. As part of the promotion we were given red and white buttons with an arrow like the familiar traffic sign, ONE WAY. I wore one of these buttons to school. As I answered many questions about what it stood for, there were a few snide remarks, but many words of encouragement.

One of the girls in the cast of the Senior class play noticed my button and asked me about it. I explained again what Denver District Christian Endeavor is and what it stands for, and about the ONE WAY button and the Bible reading program. She listened attentively and then told me about part of her life.

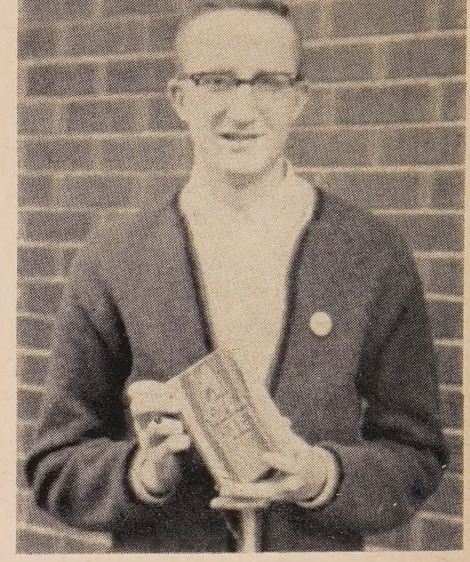
She said that she is the child of a Jewish-Catholic marriage. She was not raised in the church or the doctrine of either faith. She frankly said she has little or no use for any kind of religion. She then asked me if I read the Bible and if I enjoy it. I told her that nearly everything I do is in relation to the Bible or to God, and that I plan to go into the Christian ministry after college and seminary. She then told me that she had a gift she would like to give me.

"It was something that was near and dear to one of my grandmothers," she said, "and as I have no use for it, I would like to give it to you. It just sits on my dresser and collects dust. I think it should belong to someone who would use it and appreciate it."

I had no idea what she had in mind and didn't even think about it again until the next play rehearsal. After she had finished her scene, she talked to me backstage. "I hope you can accept this and will use it and enjoy it," she said, as she handed me a book. It was a beautiful red-letter New Testament. It had been printed in England on India paper and had a wooden front cover with a hand-carved Nicene Cross and a Morocco leather back. Needless to say, I was greatly surprised and nearly speechless. She was very sincere and really wanted to give me such a rich gift.

I have always wanted a red-letter Testament, but I never even hoped for such a beautiful edition. It now has an honored place in my library. I only hope that someday this young lady will come to know the same joys that I find in Christ and His service. If she should, I would like very much to give her that Testament as a testimony to her new faith.

The ONE WAY program gave me many things in fellowship and knowledge of the Bible. Even stronger in my memory will be my "Wooden Testament" and the young lady who gave it to me. Let it never be said that there are not direct and visible results from witnessing in any form, even if only by wearing a ONE WAY button, and telling people about Christian Endeavor. I have a Testament to prove that people do notice Christian witnessing directly and visibly.



Charles Todd III with his "Wooden Testament." He begins studies at Hope College this fall.

ONE WAY Program Success Report

The ONE WAY daily Bible reading program sponsored by the Denver (Colorado) District Christian Endeavor Union reached 22 churches; 1200 copies of the new ONE WAY edition of the Gospel of John (published by the American Bible Society) along with devotional guides, special buttons, and other materials were distributed.

At the closing rally 300 cards were turned in. Bob Lilly, newscaster of Denver's radio station KOSI, was the featured speaker. Charles Todd III, Denver District president, presided and brief testimonies to the significance of the program were given by Jackie Hammelman, Steve Lammers, Robert Hertz, and Stephanie Michaels. Dale L. Akker is director of Denver District Union.

Dallas Convention Committee in Action

With only one place on the Dallas Convention Committee still to be filled, this energetic group under the direction of General Chairman James C. Estes is already hard at work. The photograph (left) shows members of the Executive Committee carefully going over the facilities of the Statler Hilton Hotel. This beautiful hotel in downtown Dallas will be the site of the 48th International Christian Endeavor Convention July 6-10, 1965. Special rates under an economical "package plan" give delegates five nights' lodging (dormitory style, four to a room) and four days' meals for just $38. Attractive Dallas prayer reminders have recently been issued and are available from the International Society on request. Registered delegates receive all convention information as it becomes available. Registration fee is $5.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Photo by Mrs. Etta V. Berger

RIGHT—A typical scene at the annual conference of Kinki District Union shows Japanese Endeavorers as they meet together for Bible study.

LEFT—These two young people, representing Alderwood Manor Community Church Endeavorers who won the registration contest, were King and Queen of the 1964 Washington State Convention. Sessions were held at Yakima under the direction of chairman Roy Nyholm. A unique feature, in addition to the typical Washington State "apple breaks," was a Hootenanny called "Meet Your Cousins by the Dozens."

• "MY ALL FOR CHRIST" is the theme for Christian Endeavor Week 1965. Christian Endeavor's 84th birthday celebration is scheduled for January 31-February 7. The 1965 Christian Endeavor Week Packets are available at a cost of 50c each. Included is a Manual of suggestions, plans, and resources for the activities of the Week, along with scripts for a radio and a television program, complete plans for a Hidden Treasure Party, and many other items. Order from the International Society.

PRESIDENT of the Mexican National Christian Endeavor Union is Lilia Susana Arjona Leyva. Coming from Progreso, Yucatan, Miss Arjona is an elementary teacher at the Pan American Workshop in Mexico City. She also teaches Intermediates in the Sunday school of Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church and is a member of the Curriculum Committee of the Department of Christian Education of the National Presbyterian Church in Mexico. She has served as vice-president and editor of the Mayab Union.

The story of Christian Endeavor Day at the New York World's Fair will appear in the September issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. Extra pages will be added to the October issue for a complete report with pictures from the 4th Pacific Area Conference of the World's Union in Honolulu, Hawaii, August 6-9.

• A GRADUATION BANQUET June 5 at Hotel Bethlehem for high school and college students was sponsored by the Lehigh County (Pennsylvania) Union. Bob Criswell from Philadelphia was master of ceremonies. Rev. B. J. Cannon of First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem, was the speaker. Following the banquet, the gym and swimming pool of the Allentown Y.M.-Y.W.C.A. were used for sport activities.

• DEEPEST SYMPATHY on behalf of Endeavorers around the world is expressed to F. J. Hoogenraad, president of the Netherlands Christian Endeavor Union, on the death of his wife, Olga, April 25. Christian Endeavorers in the United States, especially in Colorado, will be sorry to learn of the death June 12 in St. Louis of Clark A. "Pop" Bower, veteran Christian Church minister of Denver.

RIGHT—Ralph E. Robrahn and Lynnore R. Van Dyke were married May 29 in the Western Theological Seminary Chapel, Holland, Michigan, where he is a student. Ralph is the associate president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. In 1962 he was selected Endeavorer of the Year. A member of Eighth Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, he is currently choir director at Jamestown (Michigan) Reformed Church. He has led singing at many Christian Endeavor and interdenominational activities. The Robrahns are making their home in Holland, Michigan.

• CONGRATULATIONS to Dr. Hector Alvarez G. and his bride, Esmeralda. Dr. Alvarez is vice-president of the International Society in charge of the Mexican Region and his wife is secretary of the Mexican National Union.

• CECIL A. JEFFERY will begin duties August 1 as executive field secretary of the Los Angeles (California) County Christian Endeavor Union. Mr. Jeffery served as general secretary of the Ohio Union for the last six years. From 1958 through 1960 he was also Extension Secretary of the International Society. Mr. Jeffery and his wife Mary are well known in Los Angeles and California where they made their home before moving to Ohio. Mr. Jeffery was Los Angeles County president in 1932 and California president in 1945.

Ready - for - YOUth RESOURCES

Youth and Smoking

by Dr. Gene Stone

Shall I smoke or not? Teen-agers must answer that question. They must face the facts honestly and then decide.

The Case against Smoking

The report on "Smoking and Health" issued by the advisory committee of the Public Health Service of the United States declared that smoking is a peril to health. The survey showed that in men who smoke cigarettes the death rate from cancer is almost 1,000 per cent higher than in nonsmokers and that death from coronary artery disease, a frequent cause of heart failure, is 70 per cent higher for cigarette smokers than for nonsmokers. Other diseases and injury to the human body were listed as the result of smoking.

It is a moral issue. *Christian Herald* states, "The scientific evidence that tobacco is a killer makes smoking a moral issue which neither the Church nor the Christian can evade. It is no longer a matter of smoking being good or bad for the nation's health. Nor is it merely a matter of economics, that a pack a day will cost the smoker about $100 a year. It is a question of the worth of some 45,000 lives a year. For the Christian, it is a question of the will of God for his life. With the evidence in, can the use of tobacco be to the glory of God? With the evidence in, what shall we do with these bodies which, the Lord reminds us, are temples of His Spirit?"

What Studies Show

High school students who smoke are less well adjusted to adult authority than nonsmoking students. This was revealed by a study made of students in public high school in Newton, Massachusetts. This report said, "Children who are less well adjusted in the field of family relations and adult authority are more likely to seek security in the company of their peers and to use a cigarette which at once and the same time symbolizes adulthood, superiority, and defiance. As indicated by a study of recreational patterns it would also appear that smokers do not have the inner resources of the nonsmokers. For example they watch television more, go to movies more often, and read fewer books than do nonsmokers. They also are more frequently car owners and go to more dances than do nonsmokers, but they play sports less and belong to fewer clubs than do nonsmokers."

Why Teen-agers Smoke

A conference held by the American Cancer Society in Washington, D.C., came up with these reasons from youth themselves: to gain social status, to get attention, to be one of the crowd, to have something to do, influence of parents who smoke, and as a rebellion against authority when parents disapprove of smoking.

For Your Information

- Mrs. Maurine B. Neuberger, United States Senator from Oregon, in her book *Smoke Screen: Tobacco and the Public Welfare* (Prentiss Hall) recommends: (1) education of both the pre-smoking adolescent and the adult smoker, (2) expansion of research into the technology of safer smoking, (3) reform of cigarette advertising and promotion, and (4) cautionary and informative labeling of cigarette packages.
- Studies show that children are more likely to smoke if their parents and older brothers and sisters do, and children of families where there is smoking are likely to be heavy smokers.
- The average intelligence quotient and academic achievement of nonsmoking boys and girls is higher than that of the smoker, according to Dr. Eva J. Salber of the Harvard School of Public Health.
- *Non-Smokers International* is a new organization of youth throughout the world who have never smoked or have stopped smoking. Clubs are being formed in local high schools. James V. Scully, director of youth activities for the International Temperance Association, has pioneered this project.
- Plans have been made for an International Congress on Smoking and Health at the New York Hilton June 24-27, 1965.
- The American Cancer Society is distributing English posters. One states, "best tip yet: don't start." Another shows the top of a coffin with the caption, "The big flip-top box for the smoker."

Resources

Smoking and Health Report of the Advisory Committee to the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service of the United States. Order from Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. $1.25.

". . . *and Slow Death,*" Reprint from *The Reader's Digest* (February 1963), Pleasantville, New York.

Available from Signal Press, 1730 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, Illinois: *Smoking and Health* (Ochsner). Link between tobacco and human ailments (100 pp.). $3.00. *What About Smoking?* (Hearn) Presentation of the smoking problem (64 pp.). $.50. *Mind If I Smoke?* (Shryock). Facts about Tobacco (138 pp.). $.50.

Motion pictures available through Western Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, 744 N. Negley Avenue, Pittsburgh 6, Pennsylvania. Rental $5 per showing: *Cancer by the Carton, Time Pulls the Trigger,* and *One in 20,000.*

Available through American Cancer Society: many booklets, leaflets, motion pictures, posters, filmstrips, etc. (many free). These include *Facts on Teen-age Smoking, Shall I Smoke?, Smoking and Health, and To Smoke or Not To Smoke?*

Extra copies of the following subjects which have appeared in past issues of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD are available at 15c each to cover postage and handling: **Committee Responsibilities, Officer Responsibilities, The Consecration Meeting, Audio-Visuals in Your Society, Planning Devotional Services, Evangelism Project, Spotlighting: The Devotional Committee, The Society Business Meeting,** and **A Planning Conference.** Orders, accompanied with remittance, should be sent to the Publishing Department, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

Topics FOR JUNIOR HIGHS

It's Not Easy

Matthew 16:24-27

(Labor Sunday)

Thinking It Over

It is always a good idea for the leader of the meeting and the counselor to discuss the topic together for that meeting. This topic suggests taking an inventory, and your counselor will probably have some good suggestions for you as leader.

All will agree with the title of the topic. It is certainly not easy in this day to take a definite stand for Jesus Christ. It is easy to attend church, to pray, to read our Bibles, to be a "professing" Christian. But it is not easy to follow Christ in His command to tell others His Gospel and to live a life that is separated from the world.

Young people must be a vital part of the world around them. However, as Christian young people they must follow certain standards if they want to be true to their Lord and Saviour. This is where the difficulty comes. Thus, a topic like this which emphasizes denying oneself and taking up the cross and following Jesus is very important for Junior Highs to discuss. Just how should a teen-ager deny himself? What kind of a cross must a teen-ager take up? What is involved when a teen-ager says, "Yes, I will follow Jesus Christ"?

Before the meeting, leader, take time out to talk these questions over with your couselor. Be prepared to propose some answers. Then begin to pray that your group will take this topic seriously, for it is vital for youth. Finally, determine in your own life that you will follow Christ to the extent of denying yourself and doing whatever is required of you. Then you will be ready to lead the meeting.

Publicizing the Meeting

In available time during the preceding week, try to see as many of your group as possible before the meeting. As leader, give each a personal invitation to attend.

From magazines, cut pictures of magicians performing difficult feats (such as sawing a woman in half) or of athletes performing in events (such as pole vaulting), and caption them with the topic title, *It's Not Easy.* Complete the posters by pasting these pictures on poster board and printing vital information regarding time and place of the meeting under the pictures.

Scripture Story

(Matthew 16:24-27)

Jesus had rebuked Peter in the verses just before our text, for saying that He would not need to go to Jerusalem, "suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day" (16:21). He used strong words when He said to Peter, "Get thee behind me, Satan . . . thou savourest not the things that be of God" (16:23).

Following this rebuke Jesus told His disciples some very important things about their discipleship. He told them that they also must think of others more than themselves. They must, Christ said, *deny, take up,* and *follow.* Real self-denial is following Christ with a desire to suffer for His sake—in other words, to take up a cross. The disciples could not have taken Christ's cross, because He was the sinless Son of God and the only Person who could atone for sin by dying on the cross. However, they could and did suffer for His sake; many of them died as martyrs because of their following Christ.

We cannot take our Saviour's cross. But we must be willing to do all we do for His sake, regardless of the price it costs us personally. We must take our stand for Him daily among those with whom we live, especially those who are not Christians and have not the love of Christ in their hearts. We must do this even when it means giving up things in our lives which we love and want to continue to do. We must do this even when it means overcoming personality traits which interfere with our Christian testimony. We must do this even when it means giving up good friends and pleasures which we feel we must have. Following Christ is not just giving up, however. When we deny ourselves these things, He adds to us joys and blessings such as love and peace.

Verses 25 and 26 tell us the reason for Jesus' demand for us to *deny, take up,* and *follow.* He says that if we do, we shall both lose and find—in other words, we shall get rid of all that is not going to last and receive from God the salvation of our souls.

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Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Opening Hymn: *He Keeps Me Singing*
Prayer by the Leader
Choruses: *I See Jesus, Into My Heart, Christ Is the Answer, and Saved to Tell Others* are suggested
Scripture Reading: John 15:1-17 (Responsive Reading 10 in the new *Christian Endeavor Songs*)
Prayer Hymn: *Just as I Am, Thine Own to Be*
Sentence Prayers
Scripture Reading and Scripture Story
Talks: It's Not Easy—for Me!
Hymn: *I Need Thee Every Hour*
Buzz Groups
General Discussion
Acrostic on Self-Denial
Closing Hymn: *Take My Life*
Prayer of Consecration

(Continued from previous page)

Finally, Jesus promised to come back for us someday, and we who are willing to *deny, take up* and *follow* will be ready to receive the reward He shall give us (16:27).

For twenty-seven years, Johann Sebastian Bach was the music director of a church in Leipzig, Germany. With his great skill and marvelous God-given abilities, he could have made much more money and received much more acclaim for himself during his lifetime if he had done something else. But he was willing to *deny* himself because He loved God. He wanted his talents to reflect Christ's spirit. On each one of his many manuscripts he inscribed the following: "To the glory of God alone."

Albert Schweitzer, who serves humbly as a medical missionary in Africa today, could have received much more worldly fame using his talents in the civilized world as a writer, composer, and musician. He has chosen, however, to serve as a doctor in a primitive section of Africa and to *deny* himself.

It's Not Easy—for Me!

Have the following paragraphs read by individual young people. The stories are told to a certain point, to illustrate that it was not easy for these people who lived long ago to *deny* themselves to the extent that they were forsaken by their friends and families. In some cases they suffered great personal loss. Each story must be finished to complete the illustration. What these brave people did was not easy, but it was worthwhile.

1. I am Noah. I have toiled year after year at a task the Lord told me to undertake. I am building an ark because the Lord said there is going to be a flood and the earth will be destroyed by it. The people think I am crazy and it is very difficult for me to keep going on. *(Tell what happened—Genesis 7 and 8.)*

2. I am Moses. God has called me to lead my people out of Egypt. It is not easy to talk to Pharaoh. He said we could go many times, and each time he changed his mind. Now we are on our way, and his army pursues us. We are approaching the Red Sea. There is no place to go but through the water. *(Read Exodus 14:26-31.)*

3. I am Job. My friends think I should curse God and die. I was a rich man; I had a fine family; I feared God; I lived "perfect and upright"; I did no evil. I have lost my riches; my children have died; my body is covered with boils; I am in misery. It is not easy for me to keep trusting God, but I shall. *(Complete the story by telling the details of Job 42.)*

4. I am Esther. I am a Jewish girl in a strange land. The king has chosen me to be his queen. A wicked man is plotting against my foster father and all my people. It is not easy for me to talk to the king and ask for mercy. I am frightened, but I must do it. *(Tell the result in Esther 8.)*

5. I am Daniel. I am a young man who loves the true God. My companions and I are supposed to eat the king's meat, but to do this would be against the Lord's laws. They are testing us to see how we look after ten days of doing without meat. Will we look as good as the young men who eat the king's meat? *(For the answer, read Daniel 1:15,16.)*

6. I am Paul. I was a well-educated man, a member of the Sanhedrin. When I first heard of Jesus Christ and His followers, I worked earnestly against them. Then the Lord spoke to me, and I was marvelously converted by His Spirit. Now I am Jesus' missionary and travel from place to place, preaching and beginning Christian churches. However, I am experiencing much difficulty. I have been shipwrecked, put in prison, and several attempts have been made to kill me. It is not easy for me to continue. *(Read Paul's testimony in Philippians 3:7-11.)*

Buzz Groups

Divide the group into smaller units and give each one of the following areas to discuss. All should report back to the entire group for a general discussion.

1. How can a Christian young person deny himself today? In what areas should he do this? How can we do this in our school life, our home life, our social life, our church life? Is thinking of others before we think of ourselves denying ourselves? Discuss some times when self-denial is necessary. What kind of a person is one who thinks only of his own convenience and his own interests?

2. What kind of crosses must we take up as Christian young people today? Are we really persecuted for Christ's sake? Do our friends and acquaintances understand when we are continually interested in the things of the Lord? Or do they tell us we are "queer" and "different"?

3. Discuss some of the things involved in "following" Jesus Christ. What responsibilities does a Christian young person assume upon committing his life to Jesus Christ? Discuss what the Christian Endeavor pledge has to say about this. Can we know Christ as our personal Saviour and escape these responsibilities?

Acrostic on Self-Denial

Place the word SELF-DENIAL on the left-hand side of a chalkboard, with the letters in a column, one under the other. Ask for Bible verses beginning with the letters and stressing self-denial. Then discuss the verses. Here are suggestions:

S eek ye first the kingdom of God . . . (Matthew 6:33).

E nter into his gates with thanksgiving . . . (Psalm 100:4).

L ook unto me, and be ye saved . . . (Isaiah 45:22).

F or whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven the same is my brother, and sister, and mother . . . (Matthew 12:50).

D elight thyself also in the Lord . . . (Psalm 37:4).

E nter not into temptation . . . (Matthew 26:41).

N eglect not the gift that is in thee . . . (I Timothy 4:14).

I f ye love me, keep my commandments . . . (John 14:15).

A bstain from all appearance of evil . . . (I Thessalonians 5:22).

L ove not the world, neither the things that are in the world . . . (I John 2:15).

Daily Bible Readings

M. Aug. 31	John Mark Quits	Acts 15:36-41
T. Sept. 1	Titus Works at Crete	Titus 1:5-9
W. Sept. 2	Paul and Silas in Trouble	Acts 16:19-24
T. Sept. 3	Paul Is Shipwrecked	Acts 27:39-44
F. Sept. 4	Count the Cost	Luke 14:25-33
S. Sept. 5	Paul's Suffering	II Corinthians 11:23-33

Sun. Sept. 6—Topic: It's Not Easy Matthew 16:24-27
(Labor Sunday)

Comments by Mrs. Richard Cattermole, counselor for the young people's society at Faith Evangelical Church, Temple, Pennsylvania, where her husband is minister

Which Way Are You Going?

Matthew 7:13-20

Suggested Program

Prelude: *Living for Jesus*
Call to Worship:
Prayer by Leader
Scripture: Hebrews 12:1,2
Hymns: *More Like the Master*
Have Thine Own Way
Scripture Lesson: Matthew 7:13-20
Sentence Prayers (Encourage each person to pray)
Leader's Talk
Topic Presentation
Topic Discussion
Counselor's Challenge
Consecration Hymn: *I Surrender All*
Benediction

Publicity

So you are back in school after a good vacation! You are meeting many new friends. What will you tell them about Christian Endeavor? Ask your counselor and minister about work you can do for the entire church. Plan with other members of your society and reach out to the unreached.

If you do not already have the materials below, order them from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

1. *Publicity Plans for Christian Endeavor.* This entire book is devoted to ideas for publicity and can be used profitably in any society.

2. Outdoor Poster. Write to the above address and ask for full details on Christian Endeavor's Outdoor Poster Program.

Any money you spend for advertising or publicity is well spent. If you can reach just one lost person, it will be worth the effort and money.

For the Counselor

The job of the counselor, among other things, is to help boys and girls discover an adequate faith and a right relationship with God. At the close of the topic discussion, the counselor should take a few minutes to challenge the society members with the question which gives this topic its title.

Among the things which the counselor might use are such questions as: What is really important in life? How do we know when we are on the right track? How may following a group of other youths lead us astray? What can we do when we know that some of our friends are on the wrong track?

The counselor might also guide the society into consecration as the final hymn is sung. If Junior Highs surrender all to Christ, He will be their guide in all of life.

Leader's Introduction

A lot of the success of a topic depends on the work and leadership of the one who directs the program. The leader for this topic should be sure to plan well. The question in this title is SO important. The answer is one which is eternal.

With the Scripture as a guide, the leader may point out the two separate ways. All are in either one or the other. There is no place in between. There is no shade of gray between black and white when it pertains to the work and way of God.

Program Helps

Several things are available from International Christian Endeavor which will be a help to you in your over-all program. In devotional materials the folder *What Is the Quiet Hour?* will be a guide for prayer life.

Another good selection, *Guide for* ACTION, gives a list of topics and suggestions for committees. This is an annual publication and the helps are from September to August. Get one now, early in the year. Use it to make your program more interesting and effective.

Sometime during the year you should also put special stress on stewardship for youth. Consult the Christian Endeavor catalog and get the latest information on this program.

Junior Highs usually like to construct various things. This topic lends itself to a map showing the two ways. One way, of course, is to eternal life. The other is to eternal doom. Follow the Scripture lesson and make this as a poster for the meeting room wall. It can be left up for several weeks.

Topic Presentation

You Can't Get There

A story is told of a stranger in town who met a young boy on the street and asked the way to the post office. The young fellow took off his ball cap and ran a hand through his hair. "Well," he started, "you go down that way," pointing, "then you turn that way," waving his hand for direction. He hesitated. "No, you turn the other direction . . ." He hesitated again. After three or four starts and a show of uncertainty he finally said in all seriousness, "You can't get there from here."

So it is with many young people in the world today. They do not know exactly how to get on the right way. That is one reason for Christian Endeavor. The talks which follow are designed to help young people get there from here.

Christ, a Way of Life

Those who follow Christ have a way of life. It is called the strait, or narrow, way. It is different from the way of the world. It has something valuable to offer. It also makes some demands on us. Those who follow Christ must not stray from the narrow way. To do so endangers our eternal existence with God.

The Christian way has a set of rules by which people are expected to live. These rules were set and established by God. In the Old Testament these were called the Ten Commandments. In the New Testament they became the principles of Christ. The principles were set by Jesus of Nazareth as He lived and ministered on earth. He was the living example of righteousness even in persecution. He taught that a man should love his enemies and do good to those who were against him.

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A New Set of Values

A person without Christ lives according to the standards which are set by society, parents, teachers, etc. Those who believe and accept Christ have a new set of values. These are built around the teachings of Christ and His example on earth, and follow the pattern of the New Testament church. All of life is guided and directed by these values.

Christian values will meet the needs of all youth. An answer can be found for the problems which we face in daily Christian living. These values often cause us to be frowned upon by friends, loved ones, and people we meet. Still they provide an answer which others cannot give us.

When these values come in conflict with other teachings we must decide between Christ and the world. We must choose a new set of values or return to the old way, the way of sin and evil.

Christ Comes First

For those who know and love Christ He comes first in life. He is more important than money, power, prestige, pleasure, and other such things. He offers greater things than any of these. The things of Christ are eternal. The material things will pass away when we leave this world in death.

Christ can give security in this life. He will be our guide in times of trouble. He will lift us up when the world would cast us down. This is true, however, only if we put Him first in our life.

Measure of Success

The late President Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but ask what you can do for your country." This can well be applied to Christ and the church. The measure of success in the Christian church is not what we can get from the church, but what we can give to it.

Those who love Christ and want to follow Him will do their best to help His cause in the world. They will want to give their best to His church. The early church leaders were willing to sacrifice for Him. Many even went to their death for His way of life.

Young people who want to be successful in this life will give their life into His keeping. They will be ready and willing to serve Him and serve people who are in need. The owner and founder of J. C. Penney Company is a successful man. He has money. He has prestige. He owns hundreds of great stores in the United States. Mr. Penney says that all of this was made possible because he took Christ as a partner in business. He has given himself to Christ and the church.

Christ, Our Example

During the short life of Christ on the earth He left us a great example to follow. He taught love instead of hate, service instead of being served, and giving instead of receiving. He showed ways in which man could overcome temptation. He showed how to live when all those around Him were angry and evil.

He lived a life of prayer and sacrifice. He showed more interest in teaching and doing good than in gaining power, prestige, and material things for this life.

Things That Glitter

"Everything that glitters is not gold" is a familiar saying. This is very true in the Christian way. We are often tempted to turn aside from Christ because of the bright lights of evil, or the allure of the world. This is not gold. The old prospector had a name for this kind of thing. He called it "fool's gold."

If we turn away from Christ for the things of the world, we will find that it is also fool's gold. There is wealth in a right relationship with God, but things of the world offer only a short time of pleasure and foolish living.

Derelict

The word "derelict" means neglected or abandoned. A derelict ship is one which drifts with no one in control. So it is with a life on this earth. If we drift along without guidance from God and His Son, we are derelict. We are abandoned to the wiles of Satan. We are neglected of God because of the sin in our life. There can be only one outcome of this kind of life.

If we are a derelict, we are on the broad way. We are on the way to destruction. Only one person can change a derelict life. That is the individual himself. He can turn to Christ and the church and get proper guidance for his life.

Things That Count

There are basically only two things in life that count. First, we need fellowship with God and man. We need the strength we get from working and living with other Christians. We need the good things to which we are entitled as God's highest creation.

Second, we need the strength to overcome the temptations of the world. Temptations, when we allow them to lead us away from Christ, wreck our lives and bring evil and sin.

The Narrow Way

The way of Christ is narrow, but it is good. It brings pleasure to those who follow it without turning aside. It leads to the eternal with God and with His Son. What more could we want in this life? As we live and work in God's world, we choose the way we will follow. If we make the wrong choice while we are young, it will lead only to more trouble as we grow older. If we choose Christ early in life, He will help and guide us during the rest of our life. He was a great leader while He lived and worked on the earth. He is still a great leader to those who will believe and follow Him. Which way are you going?

Things to Discuss

1. The difference in the two ways of life which are shown in our Scripture lesson.
2. Some things which the narrow way has to offer for youth.
3. What we must do to be sure that we are on the right way.
4. The most important set of values which we can have.
5. How the right set of values will meet the needs of youth today.
6. What it means to put Christ first in our life.
7. The difference in success as measured by the standards of the world and by the teachings of Christ.
8. Some people you know who have a successful Christian life.
9. Some of the things of the world which glitter and often lead people from the narrow way.
10. The danger of drifting through life without the leadership of Christ and the church.
11. What we must do to choose Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Sept. 7 Values of the Way Matthew 19:21,22
T. Sept. 8 The Way of Love John 15:9,10
W. Sept. 9 Motives of the Way Matthew 20:1-16
T. Sept. 10 Temptations on the Way Matthew 4:1-11
F. Sept. 11 Fellowship of the Way Luke 4:16-20
S. Sept. 12 The Triumph of the Way Luke 24:1-10
Sun. Sept. 13—Topic: Which Way Are You Going? Matthew 7:13-20

Comments by Rev. Clive Cooper, assistant minister of the Cleveland Avenue Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri

Topic 1 in a Unit: Witnessing at School

Witnessing through Sportsmanship

Hebrews 12:1,2

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Opening Song: *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus,* number 5, *Christian Endeavor Songs,* 1963 edition
Opening Prayer
Song Service: Use stirring hymns of commitment, such as *Onward, Christian Soldiers* and *Give of Your Best to the Master.*
Announcements and Offering
Topic Presentation
Responsive Reading: "Admonitions to Youth," number 6, *Christian Endeavor Songs,* 1963 edition (see Scripture Reading below)
Closing Hymn: *Rise Up, O Men of God*
Benediction

For the Leader

Everyone loves games and sports. In this meeting you will consider what it takes to be an outstanding athlete, and how this corresponds to leading a truly Christian life. After your society has made this comparison, you will examine the Bible to find some of the rules which must guide life, just as the rules of a game must govern its play.

Since the meeting is centered around sports, it would be in keeping to decorate your meeting room with various pieces of athletic equipment. Have a football helmet on a table, a softball in the window sill, a tennis racket leaning against the wall, etc.

How to Begin

A good way to start is to spend a few minutes talking about sports. Perhaps each person could name his favorite sport or his favorite athlete. If you take attendance in your meetings, this would be a good way to let the members answer when their name is called.

Next, ask the group to name some of the qualities they think are necessary in order to be an outstanding athlete. If you have a chalkboard in your meeting room, list the items on the board as they are mentioned. Members may be able to think of more things than are listed below. Lead into the following talks by explaining that you now want to examine more closely a few of the traits that help make an athlete outstanding.

Talks by Members

1. Dedication

All great athletes are dedicated and devoted to their sport. It is rare to find an outstanding sportsman who does not love his game more than any other activity. This is the first requirement for excellence, for without true dedication the athlete will not be able to endure the other requirements. Whether an athlete is an amateur or a professional, how well he likes the game and how devoted he is to it will have a direct effect upon his success or failure.

2. Rules of the Game

A great athlete learns all the rules of his game. This is one of the basic things he must do before he can be successful.

But it is not enough just to know the rules. An athlete must have respect for them. He knows he can't win the game if he ignores the rules. A football game can easily be lost on penalties; when a basketball player commits a foul, it gives the other team a chance for a free throw; a slalom skier can be disqualified for missing a gate.

In every sport there are rules that must be followed in order to win. An outstanding athlete is familiar with all of these rules and plays the game in accordance with them.

3. Training and Skill

All sports require special skills. Some people have more natural ability than others for certain athletic activities, but everyone must develop whatever amount of natural skill he has through training.

Training for sports is not an easy job. It is an exhausting, tiring task, that requires concentration and energy. The training period is long and hard, much longer than the period spent in actually playing the game. At the Winter Olympics, held earlier this year in Austria, the contests lasted only a few minutes for each participant. Yet each of them had spent months of preparation for those few minutes of competition.

Not only is the training long and hard, but it is continuous. An athlete doesn't quit training after a contest, but he must constantly keep himself in proper physical condition. It is only through rigorous training that great skill in athletics can be attained.

4. The Goal

A young athlete must choose a goal for which he can strive. It must be a goal which will make all his dedication and training worthwhile, and not a waste of time. He may wish to win an important tournament or break a long-standing record. Whatever his goal, it must be high enough to challenge him to perform at his best.

Not only must he have a goal, but he must also be careful never to lose sight of it. An athlete cannot be successful unless he gives 100% of his energy and concentration at all times. He must never stop pushing for the goal. A swimmer can't stop and rest, a boxer can't let his mind wander. Every part of the athlete's mind and body must be directed toward attaining the goal.

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Leader's Talk

We have now seen some of the qualifications for excellence in sports. Great athletes must be dedicated to their sport, must know and follow the rules of the game, must train in order to develop skill, and must constantly strive toward their goal.

Paul must have been a great sports fan, for he often used athletic terms in his sermons and letters concerning the Christian life. *(Read Hebrews 12:1,2.)* In this passage Paul referred to the Christian life as the "race that is set before us." The prize for victory in this race is eternal life with Christ.

Let's see if the qualification for outstanding athletes that we have named can be applied to Christians in the "race that is set before us."

DEDICATION

Just as an athlete must be devoted to his game, a Christian must be motivated by true dedication to the way of life described to him in the Bible. This is the first requirement for the athlete, and it is also primary for the Christian. Only a love of Christ and devotion to His teachings and example can lead one to victory as a Christian.

We must ask ourselves, as Christians, whether we love Christ more than anything else in our lives. Do we support the church with as much energy and enthusiasm as we have for other activities? Are we concerned as much about what Christ thinks of our lives and activities as we do about what other friends think?

If we are to succeed as Christians, our greatest love and interest must be for our Saviour.

RULES FOR LIFE

A Christian must know and respect the rules for Christian living. Of course, our rules book is the Bible. Through our own private study, attendance at Bible school and Christian Endeavor meetings, and our minister's preaching and teaching, we become familiar with these rules.

Just as in athletic contests, we cannot achieve victory if we break the rules. An athlete who breaks the rules is disqualified; a Christian who does not follow the rules as given in God's Word cannot qualify for the prize of victory. We must know the rules, and we must follow them in our everyday lives.

TRAINING AND SKILL

Christians, just as athletes, must train themselves in order to develop skill. Part of our training involves learning the rules, as mentioned previously. But there are other basic exercises that should be repeated daily: prayer is one, and another is Bible reading. We must practice the various Christian personality traits, such as love, kindness, generosity, etc. We must witness to others. We must give our talents and financial wealth to Christ.

Remember that an athlete's training is long, even continuous. This is even more true of training for Christians, for our "race" involves our entire life and every activity in which we engage. As Christians we must constantly train ourselves for Christian living.

THE GOAL

The goal for Christians is eternal life with Christ. Paul made an interesting comparison between the goal for which athletes strive and our Christian goal. *(Read I Corinthians 9:24,25.)* Athletes win only a corruptible crown; it will fade in time and eventually be destroyed. But Christians have the promise of an incorruptible prize; the gift of eternal life is never-ending and never fades.

Since our goal is so great, we must be even more careful than the athlete never to lose sight of it. We must give ourselves 100% to its attainment. Every part of our life must be directed toward achieving victory.

If time remains after the above presentation, go back to the second point above, "Rules for Life." Use the chalkboard again and see how many rules for Christian living the group can think of. This shouldn't be hard, once they get started. Encourage them to locate Scriptures with commandments or admonitions for Christian living. List them on the board, with Scripture references. For instance, in II Timothy 2:22-26 Paul gave Timothy some advice about Christian living that could be listed as follows:

1) flee youthful lusts
2) follow righteousness
3) have faith
4) have charity
5) have peace
6) avoid foolish and unlearned questions
7) do not strive (quarrel)
8) be gentle
9) be apt (skillful) in teaching
10) be patient

There are many other passages with which the same thing can be done. Try Philippians 4:8, or the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:3-11; see if you can find some passages on your own.

Scripture Reading

The recommended responsive reading, (number 6, "Admonitions to Youth"), is in the 1963 edition of *Christian Endeavor Songs.* If you do not have copies of this book, either Proverbs 1:7-10 or Proverbs 3:1-6 may be read instead; each is included in the responsive reading.

Encourage your members to prepare for the meeting by following the daily Bible readings. Several of these passages are referred to in the topic material.

Publicity

Just as sports equipment can be used to decorate your meeting room, this same idea can be used in publicity. Find pictures in magazines of athletes or sporting events to use on posters announcing the meeting topic and time.

Alternate Program Ideas

There are many ways other than the suggested program in which the topic can be developed. This would be a good time to invite a guest speaker for your meeting. Perhaps there is a member of your church who is (or was) an outstanding athlete in high school or college. Invite him to come and tell the group what it has meant to him to be a Christian on the athletic field.

Many famous athletes of both the past and present are members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. This organization publishes various materials which may be helpful to you, such as films, records, and books. One book which you may find especially useful is *The Goal and the Glory,* which contains devotional meditations by thirty outstanding athletes and coaches. For more information, write to The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Inc., Suite 812, Traders National Bank Building, 1125 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Sept. 14	Fair Play	II Timothy 2:1-7
T. Sept. 15	Shun Bad Habits	II Timothy 2:22-26
W. Sept. 16	Running in Vain	Galatians 2:1,2
T. Sept. 17	Running Well	Galatians 5:1-10
F. Sept. 18	Discipline to Attain the Prize	I Corinthians 9:24-27
S. Sept. 19	The Prize	Philippians 3:12-15
Sun. Sept. 20—Topic: Sportsmanship		**Witnessing through Hebrews 12:1,2**

Comments by Stephen Jacoby, a student at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Topic 2 in a Unit: Witnessing at School

Witnessing through Example

Matthew 5:14-16

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Song Service:

Use songs which refer to witnessing for Christ, such as *I Love to Tell the Story; I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go; Living for Jesus; Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak; Saved to Tell Others; We've a Story to Tell to the Nations.*

Announcements and Offering
Leader's Introduction
Buzz Groups
Reports from the Groups
Leader's Conclusion
Candlelighting Ceremony
Closing Prayer and Benediction

Leader's Introduction

The New Testament is full of examples of men who witnessed in many different ways for Christ. Some gave their lives, others were put into prison, and many journeyed far from home in order to tell others about Christ.

Jesus Christ still needs witnesses today to spread the Good News of His salvation. It is up to us to be these witnesses. *(Read II Corinthians 5:20.)* This passage of Scripture tells us that we are Christ's ambassadors on earth, and that Christ makes His appeal to others through us.

Tonight we want to discover ways in which we can witness for Christ at home, in our schools, and in our community.

Buzz Groups

Divide your group into three small buzz groups. One group will examine witnessing at home, another at school, and the third in the community. Let members rearrange their chairs so that each group is in a circle and can work together on its particular subject. Be sure each group has a Bible; there should also be one person in each group appointed secretary to record the group's answers to the problems below. Allow at least fifteen minutes for the groups to work with their material. Then have one person from each group report their conclusions to the entire group.

I. Witnessing at Home

A. What do the following Scriptures tell us about Christian home life?

Ephesians 6:1-4
Colossians 3:20
Proverbs 1:8
I John 2:9-11

B. Whenever we lead a Christian life we are witnessing for Christ by example. What is the Christian solution to the following situations?

—Your older sister is in high school. Ordinarily you take turns helping your mother with the dishes after dinner. It's her turn tonight, but she has more homework than usual, while you have less. You could easily do them in her place, but that would be two nights in a row for you, and it's really her turn. What would you do?

—You have a regular job to do at your house on Saturdays. While you don't particularly enjoy it, you know it is your job and it must be done. What should be your attitude about it? Should you wait each week until someone reminds you before you do it? Should you do it on your own, but be sure to mention to the family hw much you dislike doing it and how hard it is? How would you behave?

—You know that your younger brother idolizes you. He often wants you to play with him when you are busy with other things. Should you get mad and tell him to quit bothering you? Could you promise to spend some time with him on the weekend? How would you respond to him?

C. Name some specific ways in which we can witness for Christ and the church at home. Do you try as hard to be a Christian at home as you do at church? Do the other members of your family attend church too? It not, how can you be a Christian influence on them?

II. Witnessing at School

A. What do the following Scriptures tell us about a Christian's school life?

II Timothy 2:15
Proverbs 4:5,7
Proverbs 16:16
Psalm 90:12
Luke 2:52

Compare the passages above with the following ones. What must precede our search for knowledge?

Proverbs 1:7
James 3:13-18

B. Whenever we lead a Christian life we are witnessing for Christ by example. What is the Christian solution to the following situations?

—You have worked hard all during the semester to keep up-to-date with your science notebook. A few days before they are due one of your friends asks if he can copy some of your notebook, since he doesn't have his finished.

If you say no, you might make him mad, and you don't want to risk losing his friendship. Yet you don't think that it is honest to let him copy your work. As a Christian, what would you do?

—On the basketball floor you find that it is easy to get the man who is guarding you to foul you. You could easily cause him to foul out, and add points to your score on free throws. Is this the right thing to do? Is winning at all costs worth winning?

—You have promised to help your minister with a special project at your church. On the day before your church

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activity your band director calls a special rehearsal for the same time. What should you do? Which is your first obligation?

—Some of your friends at school like to engage in several activities that a Christian cannot conscientiously approve of. What should you do? You could ignore them and find new friends. Or you could go along with the crowd; after all, Christianity is just for Sundays. Or you could tell them you believe the activities are wrong, and why. Which would you do?

C. Name some specific ways in which we can witness for Christ and the church at school. Have you spoken to your friends who are not Christian and asked them to come to church with you?

III. Witnessing in the Community

A. What do the following scriptures tell us about a Christian's responsibilities to his community?

Romans 13:1-7
Mark 12:13-17
Titus 3:1,2
I Peter 2:13-16

B. Whenever we lead a Christian life we are witnessing for Christ by example. What is the Christian solution to the following situations?

—Your town has planned a "keep your city clean" campaign. Many of your friends think it's rather silly to get excited about somthing like this. Should you support your city's clean-up campaign, despite your friends' attitudes?

—One of your school clubs has decided to go sledding on a Friday night. But this is the same night your Christian Endeavor society has planned to carol for the local hospital. Which activity will give you greater opportunity for witnessing for Christ in your community?

—Traffic laws apply to bicycles as well as automobiles. No matter which you are driving, there are times when it seems silly to pay too much attention to the rules. After all, you can see whether any other traffic is coming without coming to a complete stop at that corner with the stop sign. Does it really matter which side of the street you ride on when you're riding your bike to school? Whether it's bikes or cars, what should be the Christian's attitude about rules of the road?

C. Name some specific ways we can witness for Christ and the church in our communities. Do you encourage your parents to vote in each election? Do you avoid businesses with questionable ethics and business practices in favor of those establishments operated by Christian businessmen?

Leader's Conclusion

Tonight we have seen that each of us witnesses for Christ in everything that he does. Whether we are at home, at school, or in the community, every word and every action is a witness for Christ or against Him.

In addition to simply leading Christian lives, we also must witness by telling people directly about Christ and His Gospel. Whether they are members of our family, friends, or people in the community, we must "not (be) ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Romans 1:16a).

Christ said that we are the "light of the world." *(Read Matthew 5:14-16.)* A light, as this passage tells us, is not meant to be hidden, but to be seen by others. So we must let our light shine before men so that they will know that we are Christians and will be influenced by us to let Christ come into their lives.

Candlelighting Ceremony

This meeting is especially adaptable to having a candlelighting ceremony. Provide each person present with a small candle. As the leader, you should light yours, or a large one in front of the room, and let it burn as you give the "Leader's Conclusion" above. You can then point out, that while the flame from one candle is small, it is strong enough to light the entire room. So, even though we may feel unimportant, even the witness of a single person can be effective.

Next have each person light his candle from the one that is already burning. Point out that the single candle can be responsible for lighting others, and together, many individual candles can make a great amount of light. So as Christians, one of us can be responsible for bringing the Gospel to many others, and together, many people witnessing can be a strong and powerful force for Christ and the church.

Additional Material

There are many illustrations and personal examples of witnessing. The three below might be used in the leader's introduction or conclusion:

—The story has been told of a little girl in grade school, whose class was studying painting. One day as she was painting, her teacher came by and asked her what her picture was going to be. "I'm painting a picture of God," she replied. "But how can you do that?" asked her teacher. "Nobody knows what God looks like." And the little girl answered, "They will when I get through with Him!"

Many people in the world have no idea what God is like. We are the only Bible they read; it is only through our example that they form an idea of Him. What will God seem like to them, when we get through with Him?

—There was once a ten-year-old boy who was going to visit his aunt and uncle for a week in the summer. He had to ride the bus to get there; so his parents had been careful to tell him exactly what he should and should not do on the trip. As he was packing his things, his mother asked if he was going to take his Bible. It was a new Bible, and he was very proud of it. "Oh yes," he said, "but I don't want to put it in my suitcase. I want to carry it." When the time came for him to go to the bus station, his mother went over all that she had told him for the last time. "What will you do if you need any kind of help on the trip?" she asked. Her son answered, "I'll look for someone else who's carrying a Bible, and ask him to help me."

The young boy had a safe trip and didn't need to ask for help from anyone, but he must have noticed that no one else on the bus was carrying a Bible, for when he returned at the end of the week his Bible was packed in his suitcase.

Should Christians carry their Bibles as a witness for Christ? Do our actions justify our claim to being Christians and believers in the Bible?

—A boy returned home from several weeks at a boys' camp and was telling one of his friends about it. "I had a wonderful time," he said. "I was there for a whole month, and no one found out I was a Christian." Was he witnessing for Christ?

Related Society Activities

Now is the time to make plans for taking part in the 1965 Citizenship Awards Program, if you haven't already. Check THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD or write to the International Society for details. Every society should plan a citizenship project to be completed by February 15, 1965.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Sept. 21 A Summons to Christian Living Philippians 1:20-30
T. Sept. 22 Christian Tension Philippians 2:14-16
W. Sept. 23 The Example of Jesus Philippians 2:1-11
T. Sept. 24 Ups and Downs Psalm 121
F. Sept. 25 The True Light John 1:9-14
S. Sept. 26 Hang On! Acts 27:18-25
Sun. Sept. 27—Topic: Witnessing through Example **Matthew 5:14-16**

Comments by Stephen Jacoby, a student at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from the new CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive orange and black krome-kote cover, contains 138 songs and hymns and 20 responsive Scripture readings for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Price: 60c each, $6 per dozen, $48 per hundred.

Topics FOR SENIOR HIGHS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Getting Ready to Work

HELP NEEDED

Exodus 20:8-10; I Timothy 5:18
(Labor Sunday)

Poster Suggestion

At the top of a poster print MALE AND FEMALE HELP WANTED. Under the title paste several columns of *Help Wanted* ads from a newspaper. At the bottom of the poster print REPORT TO . . . (add date, time and place for meeting).

Leader's Talk

We live in a time when everyone is trying to cut down on work. There are labor-saving devices for the home. There is automation which is steadily reducing the number of workers. There is the call for a shorter work week, just thirty hours or less. There is demand for retirement at 60 instead of at 65 years at present. And there are more and more days of leisure because of the increased number of holidays and longer vacation periods.

Topic Talks

Why Work?

We work because it is God's will for us to work. Even before the fall of man, he was to be a worker, tilling the soil. When God created Adam, He put him in the garden of Eden "to dress it and to keep it" (Genesis 2:15).

Later, when God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, He included one which designated one day of the week as a day of rest. That in itself implies that all the other days of the week were to be work days. In fact the Fourth Commandment expressly tells us what to do on the other days. "Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work" (Exodus 20:9).

In the New Testament work is still God's will for man. To some Christians who were idlers Paul wrote: "if any would not work, neither should he eat." The apostle went on to tell them that "with quietness they work, and eat their own bread" (II Thessalonians 3:10,12).

No better illustration of a worker appears in the pages of the Bible than the Lord Jesus. As a boy of 12 He said, "I must be about my Father's business" (Luke 2:49). In His youth He worked at a carpenter's bench (Mark 6:3). In His adult years He "went about doing good" (Acts 10:38). He was the incomparable teacher, the Good Shepherd, the Great Physician. On one occasion He told some questioners, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work" (John 5:17). And He summed up His entire career in these words, "the Son of man came not to be ministered unto (be served), but to minister (serve), and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

Are We to Work for Nothing?

No! Both Jesus and Paul say that "the labourer is worthy of his hire (reward)" (Luke 10:7; I Timothy 5:18). One reward for working is the salary your employer pays you at the end of the week. This is a proper motive for working.

We work in order to live, to obtain the income with which to buy food, clothing, and the other necessities of life. From its opening pages the Bible calls upon each man to earn his own living. "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread" (Genesis 3:19). The calamity that overtakes the lazy, good-for-nothing man is also described in the Bible. "The soul of the sluggard desireth and hath nothing" (Proverbs 13:4).

Some people, of course, are unable to work and incapable of supporting themselves. They are aged, retired, sick or incapacitated, or unable to find jobs. In this last category we find many of our youth and unskilled workers who are the first to be laid off when there is a work shortage.

Dr. James B. Conant, in his book *Slums and Suburbs*, described the plight of unemployed young people in our big cities. "In June 1961, the unemployment rate nationwide is something over 7 per cent for all age brackets, but unemployment among youth under twenty-one years of age is about 17 per cent, or more than twice the nationwide rate for all workers." He stated that these young people are his chief concern, especially when they live together in large numbers within the confines of the big city slums. "What can words like 'freedom,' 'liberty,' and 'equality of opportunity' mean to these young people? With what kind of zeal and dedication can we expect them to withstand the relentless pressures of communism? How well prepared are they to face the struggle that shows no signs of abating?" Conant is deeply disturbed "by the implications that widespread unemployment among the youth of our big cities has for the future of our society" (pp. 34,35).

What about young people who live in rural areas? With them the situation is somewhat brighter. Yet many rural youth, attracted by the glamor of city life, are gravitating to the large urban centers. Once there, they discover, for the first time, the high cost of living in the city and the difficulty attached to getting a job.

With such conditions surrounding us, we do not have to go far to discover a second objective for work. Not only do we work in order to support ourselves, but

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Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship (have an alarm clock go off, announcing the time to begin): Romans 13:12
Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
Scripture Reading: John 6:24-38
Vocal Solo: *Work, for the Night Is Coming*
Sentence Prayers (followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison)
Announcements and Offering
Hymn: *Saved to Tell Others*
Leader's Talk
Topic Talks
Time for Discussion
Closing Hymn: *We Would Be Building*
Benediction

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we work to help support those who are in need also. With the income we earn we can provide security for our parents in their old age, help relieve the suffering of the sick and destitute, and also contribute to the ministry of our church, either in its relief or missionary programs.

It is true that "the love of money is the root of all evil" (I Timothy 6:10). But money can also be the means of mercy when we give of our income to relieve the poor and needy. We recall the generous contribution that Barnabas made when he sold the land he owned and brought the money which he received for it to the apostles. They in turn used it for the support of destitute Christians. Barnabas was but one of many early Christians who donated of their goods to the common relief fund (Acts 4:34-37).

But work has a third reward—that of pride and satisfaction of achievement. Perhaps Solomon had such joyous satisfaction when he dedicated the temple which he had built in Jerusalem (I Kings 8:12-21). As he looked upon that glorious structure, with its marble and gold and precious stones, he must have rejoiced to know that he had a share in its construction.

The work we do, of course, will never rival that of Solomon's temple. But whatever the job we have—at a desk or workbench, behind a counter or steering wheel, in front of a class or store—we may pride ourselves in doing it well, to the best of our ability, and as a way of bringing glory to God. This is what Paul meant when he said, "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ" (Colossians 3:23,24).

It is possible to make even the most menial kind of work, such as scrubbing floors, a means of grace. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (I Corinthians 10:31).

What's Ahead?

That's a good question. What we are doing right now should be preparing us for what's ahead. If we are in high school or college, let us finish the course and graduate. With the spread of automation throughout industry we will need all the education we can get. A high school diploma is the absolute minimum requirement for any kind of job today.

Questions for Discussion

1. Is there a difference between work, toil, and labor?
2. How can we find out what we should do as our lifework?
3. Does God call us to secular employment just as He does for full-time Christian vocations?
4. How is leisure time to be spent?
5. How does one become a success in life?

The recent trend in employment opportunities indicates that fewer and fewer unskilled workers will be able to obtain jobs in the years ahead. If the present trends continue, professional workers will be in heavy demand. White-collar jobs will grow at a more rapid rate than blue-collar jobs. In this competitive society the high school drop-out hardly has a chance.

To prepare for what's ahead is not easy. It means doing without a car or hi-fi, lacking money for dates and fun, putting up with the dull routine of study, and wondering, if ever, the long road will finally end.

Even our Saviour went through the painful process of training before He entered upon His public ministry. He was thirty years old when John the Baptist announced His appearance. For Christ there were the years of obscurity spent in the carpenter's shop at Nazareth. In those years He prepared Himself for what was ahead—the yielding of His life upon the cross for our redemption.

Nor did Paul become a missionary overnight. Following his conversion on the road to Damascus he spent three years in Arabia, no doubt equipping himself for the years of missionary activity that lay ahead (Galatians 1:17,18).

All worthwhile work takes skill, knowledge, understanding, and maturity. These qualities are acquired in the schoolroom, in the apprentice shop, and through the process of time.

"What's ahead?" is a question the airplane pilot and the railroad engineer ask. It is also a good question for every Christian young person to ask.

Illustrations for Leader

An unusual woman was being interviewed by a reporter. Although a widow for years, she had reared six children and twelve adopted children. In spite of her busy and useful life she was noted for her poise and charm. The reporter asked how she had managed. "You see, I'm in partnership." "What kind of partnership?" She replied, "One day, a long time ago, I said, 'Lord, I'll do the work and You do the worrying,' and I haven't had a worry since!" Work and trust in God! That's a wonderful partnership.

Readers of early American history will recall that in the settlement at Jamestown, Virginia, idleness threatened to ruin the colony. To meet this danger, John Smith put into force the principle stated by Paul that "if a man would not work, neither should he eat." As a result, this threat to the existence of the colony was relieved, and the Bible had demonstrated its relevance to life.

There is an old proverb which runs as follows: the devil tempts other men, but idle men tempt the devil.

For Further Reading

Calhoun, *God and the Day's Work,* New York: Association Press, 50¢

Conant, *Slums and Suburbs,* New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company

Miller, *Christian Faith and My Job,* New York: Association Press, 50¢

Narramore, *Young Only Once,* Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing Co., paper, $1.95
Chapter 8, "Your Life Work";
Chapter 12, "God's Will for Your Life"

Comments by Dr. Fred C. Kuehner of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Daily Bible Readings

M. Aug. 31 A Tentmaker Serves Christ Acts 18:1-3
T. Sept. 1 A Business Woman Becomes a Christian Acts 16:13-15
W. Sept. 2 A Doctor Influences the Ages Colossians 4:14; Luke 1:1-4
T. Sept. 3 A Government Employee Finds the Way Acts 16:25-34
F. Sept. 4 A Homemaker Lives for Christ Luke 10:38-42
S. Sept. 5 A Centurion Learns of Christ Acts 10:1-33
Sun. Sept. 6—Topic: Getting Ready to Work Exodus 20:8-10; I Timothy 5:18 (Labor Sunday)

Dr. Fred C. Kuehner is a new Senior High-Young People's topic writer. He is Dean of the Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and also serves as Professor of Biblical Languages. Dr. Kuehner is married and the father of two daughters. He received his undergraduate work at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Kuehner received the B.D. degree from the Reformed Episcopal Seminary, the Th.M degree from Westminster Theological Seminary, and the Th.D. degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Kuehner has served as a society vice-president and is presently a Trustee of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

"Who's Who" in Christian Endeavor

Hebrews 11:23-34

Where This Topic Goes

The objective of this topic is to acquaint the members of Christian Endeavor societies with the current leaders of the movement. Through the years many have shared in leading this program for Christ and the church. They have been most successful in the past. Both young people and adults serve as leaders, and this topic will introduce several of them to the local societies.

How to Get Where This Topic Goes

This topic could be presented by several young people impersonating the current leaders. The material could be related as a person telling the story of his life. Or it could be done as a playlet. The leader could use a radio or television interview format. Several members would take the various parts representing today's leaders.

Or the material could be presented as a panel discussion. Each young person would take the part of a leader and tell of his life and work. Since most of the material was an actual interview, this might be the best way to do it.

Meet the Leaders

(The following interview was taped at the headquarters of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, March 11, 1964. The interview was conducted by Elwood Dunn. Participants were: Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, Arch J. McQuilkin, Bruce Vliek, and Ralph E. Robrahn.)

ELWOOD DUNN: Ladies and gentlemen, in our group are Mr. Ralph E. Robrahn, Mr. Bruce Vliek, Mr. Arch McQuilkin, and Bishop Clyde W. Meadows. Will all of you tell us a little about yourselves? Tell us about your birthplace, your schooling, your present work, and your plans for the future. Ralph, could we begin with you?

RALPH ROBRAHN: I was born in the little town of Hudsonville, south of Grand Rapids, Michigan. We moved to Grand Rapids and then to Grandville, where I finished high school. I have completed my A.B. work in Hope College at Holland, and I am now in my first year in Western Theological Seminary, a school belonging to the Reformed Church in America.

ELWOOD DUNN: Now, Arch, what about you?

ARCH MCQUILKIN: I was born in Philadelphia. I attended the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University. What else do you want to know?

ELWOOD DUNN: Well, that's pretty good for a start. Let's turn to Dr. Meadows and let him tell us a bit.

CLYDE MEADOWS: I was born in Appomattox County, Virginia, and went to school there. At the age of ten we moved to Michigan. Up there they called me a rebel. We moved back to Virginia, and they called me "Yank." So I don't know whether I belong to the North or the South. I graduated from Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana, in 1925. Then I preached in Canada and Virginia. In 1928 I became pastor of King Street United Brethren Church in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and stayed there for 33 years.

ELWOOD DUNN: And now what are you doing?

CLYDE MEADOWS: Well, now I'm scattered all over the place. I am a Bishop of the United Brethren Church, serving the Eastern District. This covers the area from North Carolina up through Ontario, the East Coast, Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan, and outside of the United States, Hong Kong and Sierra Leone.

ELWOOD DUNN: Very good. And now, Bruce, tell us about yourself.

BRUCE VLIEK: My birthplace was Kalamazoo, Michigan. I have lived there all my life and still live there. I went to the public schools there, and now I am attending Western Michigan University. I am in the School of Business with a possible major in business management. As far as work after that, it will depend on who wants me.

ELWOOD DUNN: Arch, tell us what your regular job is and has been through the years.

ARCH MCQUILKIN: For fifty years I have been with the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company. I am currently assistant comptroller of that company in charge of the Accounting Department. That's my business life, my friend.

ELWOOD DUNN: Well! How did you all ever get together?

CLYDE MEADOWS: Well, I would say Christian Endeavor brought us all together. Arch McQuilkin, I met back in 1933.

ARCH MCQUILKIN: That's right, in a Christian Endeavor meeting.

CLYDE MEADOWS: And we've been associated as very close friends through all these years because of Christian Endeavor. And I met Ralph and Bruce in the same way. We all got together through Christian Endeavor, isn't that right?

ARCH, BRUCE, RALPH: That's right, Christian Endeavor brought us together.

ELWOOD DUNN: Arch, what is your position in Christian Endeavor?

ARCH MCQUILKIN: I'm currently president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. That involves the North American continent and Hawaii.

ELWOOD DUNN: Ralph, what are you doing in Christian Endeavor?

RALPH ROBRAHN: I serve as the associate president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

ELWOOD DUNN: What's your responsibility in Christian Endeavor, Bruce?

BRUCE VLIEK: I'm currently chairman of the Youth Assembly of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

ELWOOD DUNN: And Dr. Meadows?

CLYDE MEADOWS: Well, I tell you, this looks like a line-up of presidents. I'm president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, which operates in 63 different countries. The program is used by 83 different denominational groups.

ELWOOD DUNN: Ralph, what part do young people take in Christian Endeavor?

RALPH ROBRAHN: Young people take a very active part in Christian Endeavor. It was because of the spiritual needs of young people that Christian Endeavor was founded 83 years ago. Today young people continue to carry on the work of Christian Endeavor by meeting in groups, fellowshipping together, and by going out to witness for Jesus Christ in the community, in the school, and in their various activities. Two of Christian Endeavor's basic principles are confession of Christ and service for Christ. This is

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Suggested Program

Hymn: *Faith of Our Fathers*
Hymn: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*
Prayer: Thanksgiving for Christian leaders everywhere
Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*
Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:23-34
Special Number
Topic Presentation
Offering and Announcements
Hymn: *I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go*
Mizpah Benediction

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the work of Christian Endeavor, to win young people for Christ and train them for service.

ELWOOD DUNN: How do you feel as president, Arch, that you help young people?

ARCH MCQUILKIN: I make every effort to inspire, enthuse, and challenge young people. I get the greatest thrill out of talking to young people about knowing Christ as Saviour and giving their lives to Him, and I find that today, as in no other day, young people are eager to hear about Christ, and eager for the opportunity to present their lives to Christ. They're doing it every day all across the country.

ELWOOD DUNN: Bruce, you mentioned the Youth Assembly. What is it, and what part do young people have in it?

BRUCE VLIEK: One of the basic parts of Christian Endeavor in the International Society is to present programming for individual societies through THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. Through the Youth Assembly young people in Christian Endeavor share in planning topics and programs. They offer new ideas, suggestions for improvement, list their interests, and propose ways to apply Christianity to young people's lives. We meet at the International Convention and at the Summer Assembly. We meet for fellowship, study, and to suggest ideas for Christian Endeavor programs.

ELWOOD DUNN: Very good. Dr. Meadows, what do you consider to be the place of adults in the Christian Endeavor program in relation to young people's activity?

CLYDE MEADOWS: We never like to leave something that has been a pleasant and happy experience. Young people seldom like to leave the happy and joyous experiences of Christian Endeavor. So in recent years a place for adults was developed by establishing an adult department. There's a real place for coeducational adult Christian Endeavor activity. Learn by doing—even as adults!

ELWOOD DUNN: Arch, you and Ralph both serve as presidents. Give us a word about the future of Christian Endeavor as you see it.

ARCH MCQUILKIN: I'm quite enthused about it, excited about it! I believe the future of Christian Endeavor is as great, if not greater than it has been for the last 20 or 30 years. There is evidence of that everywhere I've been, and I've visited in many, many spots across the country since last July.

RALPH ROBRAHN: I would agree with Mr. McQuilkin in what he has said because I, too, have seen much enthusiasm about the cause of Christian Endeavor. I believe the program is only as strong as what each individual society is, and I am sure that if we are convinced of the program we have, Christian Endeavor will continue to go forward because we have the promise that Jesus Christ Himself is with us.

ELWOOD DUNN: Anything from you, Bruce?

BRUCE VLIEK: No, I think they've said it about all.

ELWOOD DUNN: Dr. Meadows, you're just back from a trip around the world in the service of Christian Endeavor. What's the future?

CLYDE MEADOWS: I would say that the future is certainly hopeful. I am enthusiastic about the possibilities of Christian Endeavor. Certainly this nuclear space age needs the very thing that Christian Endeavor has to offer, centering in Christ and loyalty to the church. As I traveled around the world, some 49,000 miles in two months, I found a great enthusiasm and strength in Australia, Hong Kong, India, Africa, the Hawaiian Islands, and the various places I stopped. We had great crowds. In fact I spoke 145 times in 120 different places around the world and had a thrilling response everywhere.

ELWOOD DUNN: Where is the newest national Christian Endeavor Union?

CLYDE MEADOWS: In the middle of February of this year, 1964, I organized the Sierra Leone National Christian Endeavor Union on the west coast of Africa. There was a crowd of some 500 people. They elected their officers and started off with great enthusiasm. Congregations from 12 different areas of that little new country were represented as they assembled for this special organizational meeting.

ELWOOD DUNN: Thank you very much, gentlemen. It looks like Christian Endeavor has a bright future!

(At this point you may also want to present information concerning the leaders of the national, provincial, state, district, or county union of which your Christian Endeavor society is a part. Contact the officers some time before your meeting in order to have this material on hand. Perhaps you will be able to invite some of these officers to attend the meeting in person.)

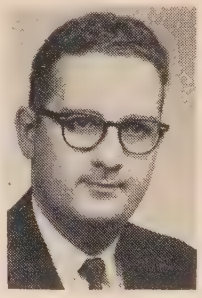
Meet the Staff

Now that you have met some of the top officers of Christian Endeavor, let us meet three full-time staff workers at the Headquarters of the International Society located in the Daniel A. Poling Building in Columbus, Ohio.

The Headquarters personnel is composed of three Staff members and nine associates.

Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary and treasurer of the International Society, is the chief executive officer. He is responsible for general oversight of the work of the International Society with particular concern for finances. He also serves as general secretary of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. Mr. Westerhoff, a native of New Jersey, has been an active leader in youth work for many years. He was employed by the Eclipse-Pioneer Division, Bendix Aviation before coming to the work of the International Society in 1951. He served four years as president of the New Jersey Christian Endeavor Union and for two years was head of the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference. He is an elder in the Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Columbus.

Phyllis I. Rike, administrative secretary of the International Society, is also editor of the official publication, THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD. She is responsible for public relations and promotion and serves as director of the outdoor poster program of the International Society. Miss Rike has been associated with Christian Endeavor Headquarters since 1946. In 1956 she was named to the position of executive assistant and editor of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD, and in 1960 she was named administrative secretary. A native of Columbus, Miss Rike is a member of Central United Presbyterian Church. She has served the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union in various positions including secretary, office manager, and convention program chairman.



Rev. Christian A. Tirre, Educational Secretary and Citizenship Director of the International Society, is an ordained United Presbyterian Church minister. He is responsible for the supervision of all the educational activities and citizenship programs of the International Society. Mr. Tirre was born in New York City and grew up in Jersey City where he was active in the local and state Christian Endeavor unions. He received an A.B. degree from Bloomfield College, New Jersey and a B.D. degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Kentucky. Mr. Tirre is married to the former Joanne Pumphrey of Broseley, Missouri. Before joining the Staff of the International Society, Mr. Tirre served the Somerville and Camden United Presbyterian Churches, Ohio.

Daily Bible Readings

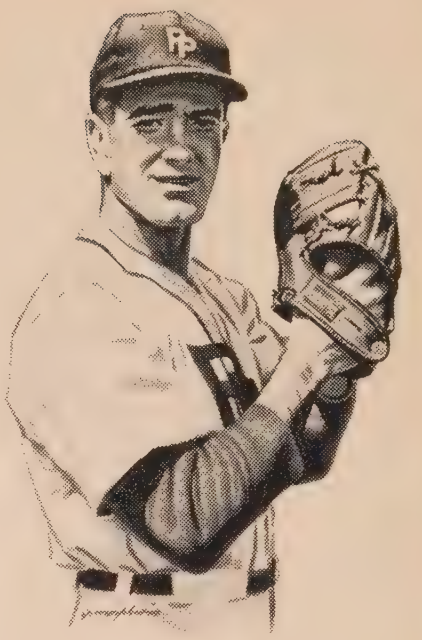
M. Sept. 7 Elijah the Prophet I Kings 17:1-7
T. Sept. 8 Moses the Lawgiver Exodus 19:20-25
W. Sept. 9 David the King II Samuel 2:1-7
T. Sept. 10 Jacob Blessed by God Genesis 32:24-30
F. Sept. 11 Gideon the Mighty Judges 7:19-24
S. Sept. 12 Noah the Obedient Genesis 6:11-7:6
Sun. Sept. 13—Topic: "Who's Who" in Christian Endeavor **Hebrews 11:23-34**

Comments by Elwood Dunn, general secretary of the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union and extension representative of the International Society of Christian Endeavor

Topic 1 in a Unit: Witnessing at School

Letter Men for Christ

I Corinthians 9:16-27



Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: Philippians 3:13,14
Hymns: *Lead On, O King Eternal; Give of Your Best to the Master; Breathe on Me, Breath of God*
Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 9:16-27
Announcements and Offering
Prayer Time
Solo or Special Music
Leader's Introduction and Message
Testimony of Famous Athletes (by six members of the society)
Brief Talk by Christian Coach
Leader's Conclusion
Chorus: *Into My Heart*
Benediction

For Publicity

Posters for this meeting should suggest themselves. The theme of sports yields pictures, slogans, and headlines in every magazine and newspaper. Cards can be used also, with cutouts from magazines and newspapers emphasizing the sports theme.

Have one of the fellows from the society who is a letter man, or who is actively engaged in or vitally interested in sports to make spot announcements in the regular services of the church, particularly the prayer meeting.

To the Leader

1. For a successful meeting, you will have, as always, to plan well in advance. This lesson cannot be prepared a day or so, or even a week before the meeting time, and be successful.

2. If you can do so, send to The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Inc., Suite 812, Traders National Bank Building, 1125 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64106, for its book *The Goal and the Glory.* It is the testimony of 31 famous American athletes. The book costs $2.95 and would make an excellent addition to your church library, or personal books. Testimonies to which reference is made in this material are included in this book.

3. Pray earnestly for the meeting which you are to lead. It is a great responsibility.

4. Ask a Christian coach from your public schools or a nearby Christian college to speak briefly. If you do not have such a Christian coach available, ask a dedicated Christian layman who is interested in sports to speak. Do not substitute any person, no matter how qualified in sports, whose Christian testimony is not of the highest quality.

5. Commission your six participants early. If possible, let them have the book *The Goal and the Glory* to read and study for themselves.

Leader's Introduction and Message

Witnessing for Christ is a most rewarding activity for Christ. It grows out of what we are in Christ. Jesus, in His last moments before concluding His earthly mission, and as a final charge to His followers, proclaimed: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8). We have therefore not been charged to be wise or simple, to be rich or poor, to be popular, or to be forgotten; we are to be witnesses unto *Him.* Education, position, and situation may be important to the effectiveness of our witnessing, but these are but means to an end. My personal charge is to be a witness for Christ. This is my task.

To discharge this responsibility and privilege (it is both a duty and a joy), I am charged to do it in the place where I find myself—in the place where God has put me. Most of us are in school. The experiences of school are supposed to fit us for life. Many of the experiences of school are a miniature of the experiences of later life, almost a preview in capsule form.

One who cheats in school will usually cheat in later life. One who is strictly honest in school will usually be strictly honest in later life. Such habits as efficiency in the use of time (or inefficiency), cheerfulness in the face of discouragements (or grumpiness), and thoughtfulness and concern for others (or selfishness) which are displayed in school usually carry on for life.

God can change things however. A relationship to Christ can mean that a life once selfish and morbid may become outgoing and vital. As Christians at school all of us can witness for Christ. This is our calling now.

One of the areas in which our Christian witness is especially evident is in sports activities. If you know your Bible, you know that there are in the New Testament a host of references to sports, both to participants and to spectators. In the time of the apostle Paul, Greek games were especially prominent. Vast theatres or arenas were built, and lives were devoted to various sports. Paul referred to life as a marathon (Acts 20:24; II Timothy 4:7,8). He used the foot race as a figure to urge the utmost endeavor for Christ (Philippians 3:12-14) and the truest sportsmanship (I Corinthians 9:24-27). He argued for sound training and self-restraint, with strict self-discipline (II Corinthians 9:27; II Timothy 2:5). He likened our Christion warfare to that of a gladiator in combat (I Timothy 6:12), or to a boxer in the ring, making each blow count (I Corinthians 9:26).

The area of sports has become a significant area for Christian witnessing in our lives at school. The field of sports may be a miniature of strenuous activity in all of life. Sports demand *motivation.* The quick applause of the crowd for a brilliant play is not enough to keep most players slogging through the tedious hours of practice and observing the training rules. We have seen fellows who

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dearly loved the applause of the crowd, but who would cut across the track if the coach was not looking, and who never lasted over a week in keeping the all-important rules of regular hours, sleep, and the proper food and drink. Some of these fellows showed remarkable promise, but the motivation just wasn't there.

The Christian motive is love. Love for the Christ who bought us becomes more and more compelling and lasting to the consecrated Christian. It becomes a holy drive stronger than self. Paul wrote, "The love of Christ constraineth us" (II Corinthians 5:14). The strength of one's love is in direct proportion to the realization of what Christ has done for him (Luke 7:42,43).

There is a *reason* for participation in sports, or even interest in or attendance at the games. We may not have stopped to consider why we go. One reason is perhaps the very competition, to see who or what team can excel. Perhaps a greater reason is the simple fact that we like to be with others of our own age and interest; we just want to "be with the gang." Then there are the need of prestige, the approval of the crowd, and the recognition of achievement. Perhaps there is some thought of the contribution to physical fitness and general well-being that sports may bring. Sometimes there is the poor reason of relief from boredom. It is something to do! But such a reason hardly goes with high purpose.

On the contrary the purposes in Christian witnessing are high. Christ has commanded us to witness (Acts 1:8). He is our Master. The only provision for the ongoing of His Kingdom is through faithful witnessing of His followers. We are taught to pray for His kingdom to come (Matthew 6:10). The very salvation of a human soul depends on the witness of another to Christ Jesus (Romans 10:4).

In the area of sports there are two relationships, that of the participant and that of the spectator. Many sports events take place without spectators, but spectators are important. Without vitally interested backers, many sports would be impossible. The spectators in a major league ball game, though they may never touch a ball or a bat, may "join in the game" in an intensely active way. Some fans may yell and pound the head of the man in the next row with more expenditure of energy than the second baseman!

There is another name for Christian witnessing—it is called "being a missionary." There are three ways to have part in foreign missions: we can pray, or give, or go. The part of praying cannot be overestimated. The part of giving is absolutely essential. If there is none to go, there is no foreign missionary work. With foreign missions, perhaps the most of us are spectators. Ask that God will make us praying and giving spectators. But there are home missions too. All of us are charged to be participants in missionary work. Witnesses are needed, first in Jerusalem, then in "Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Paul said that those who took part in the Greek games did so to obtain a corruptible crown. Their recognition was only a crown of laurel leaves. But, he explained, we run in the race for Christ to obtain an incorruptible crown. To be a letter man for Christ is the greatest goal of life.

Testimonies for Christ

LEADER: The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Inc. has published an excellent little book entitled *The Goal and the Glory.* In it 31 outstanding American athletes write of their faith in Jesus Christ. Among them are all-time greats. Every writer is a legend.

The book is divided into three sections: I. Suiting Up (Becoming a Christian), II. Training (Spiritual Discipline), and III. Playing the Game (Living for Christ). Six of our members will share with us something of the testimony of two athletes from each section.

1. Bobby Richardson, all-star second baseman, New York Yankees, has stated that he became a Christian when he was twelve years old. His pastor had visited his home several times and talked with him about Christ. Richardson has said, "And during one of his visits, we knelt in prayer and I asked the Lord to take over my life. On the following Sunday in church I publicly announced my commitment."

2. Bill Wade, record-breaking passer for the Los Angeles Rams, now with the Chicago Bears, has written, "My most thrilling moment in football is yet to come. In the game of life, however, my most thrilling moment to date would have to be the decision I made after Navy officer Jim Wilson talked to me for about six hours back in 1953." Although Wade had been brought up in a Christian home, with wonderfully devout parents, Wilson impressed upon him the necessity for a personal surrender to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Wade has written, "A new aim and purpose in my life resulted from my spiritual transaction at that time."

3. Vernon Law, ace pitcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates, has written that much of the world is dark and that part of the reason is that Christians have been too careful not to offend the forces of darkness. "They have come to believe that conforming to the world will put us in a better position to influence it for good. They have forgotten that the value of light lies not in its similarity to darkness but in its glaring contrast."

4. Wilma Rudolph, world and Olympic track champion, has pointed out that a Christian athlete is not a person who practices Christianity only on the track or playing field. "God goes with me wherever I go, whether to the Olympics or to class or a party. He guides all of my life, day by day. He is in charge of my future."

5. Dan Towler, leading ground-gaining fullback in Los Angeles Rams history, has written that a person will either acknowledge God in his life or he will acknowledge himself. "There is no in-between. Either you will act as though God were a living Presence in all you do and say or you will act as though you were the Prime Mover yourself. And it will be apparent to everyone who observes you."

6. Bob Pettit, All-American basketball player for Louisiana State University, now of the St. Louis Hawks, has written, "I've heard it said that you don't have to go to church to be a Christian. But I can't understand how a true believer in Christ can ignore the fellowship Christ instituted to continue His work on earth."

Leader's Conclusion

The Scriptures challenge and charge us to witness for Christ. The saints of all ages inspire us to great deeds for Christ. We have heard a brief testimony of Christian faith from six of the greats in the world of American sports today. The higher challenge for our lives is that we may be letter men for Christ through our daily witness.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Sept. 14 Witness of Stones Joshua 22:26-34
T. Sept. 15 Witness of the Pillar Isaiah 19:19-25
W. Sept. 16 Witness of the Disciples Luke 24:44-49
T. Sept. 17 Witness of the Holy Spirit Hebrews 10:15-22
F. Sept. 18 Witness of the Written Word John 20:30,31
S. Sept. 19 Witness of Preaching Matthew 24:5-14
Sun. Sept. 20—Topic: Letter Men for Christ I Corinthians 9:16-27

Comments by Dr. Elias D. White, Pastor of the First Brethren Church, La Verne, California

Topic 2 in a Unit: Witnessing at School

On Christ's Honor Roll

Acts 1:1-9; 2:46,47

For Publicity

Make a poster on which in large letters the words "Known but to God" appear prominently. Letter with the subject, time, place of meeting, etc., in smaller letters. Or make up hand-drawn postal cards with the same legend, and send them to your members to arrive two days before the meeting. Better yet, do both.

To the Leader

1. Well in advance of the meeting, earnestly pray that God will use you in bringing encouragement and instruction to Christian Endeavorers through this topic. All of us need encouragement to be an effective witness for God.

2. Ask a lay leader in your church, or from the outside, to give an earnest testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ. He should be one who has influenced others (particularly young people), but who is not an important public figure or whose Christian work has not attracted public attention. There are many of them! Look for one.

3. At least one week before the meeting, request six young people to assume roles setting forth little-known stories of Bible characters in the first person. Six such characters and portrayals are suggested in this resource material. Others may be substituted or added.

4. Since witnessing for Christ involves general behavior as well as specific communication, there is a tendency for some discussions on witnessing to degenerate into mere arguments as to what is proper behavior. Choose participants carefully, so that a stand for positive Christian witnessing will be taken—not a mere stand for good behavior.

Leader's Introduction

Someone has said that there will be three surprises in heaven! First, we will be surprised that some people we thought certain would be in heaven are not there. Second, we will be surprised that some we thought would not be there, are there. Third, we will be greatly surprised at those whom Christ has put in the places of highest honor.

In other words, on Christ's Honor Roll, it may be that the great theologians, the great evangelists, and the great church leaders will take a back seat to the consistent and unsung efforts of an obscure missionary laboring in a far-off outpost, a quiet pastor burning out his life in a struggling community, or a layman whose consecrated efforts to influence young lives for God has gone without notice.

It is a significant fact that each Christian is a steward of the Gospel of Christ. Therefore, each Christian is some sort of a witness. It is a solemn thought that each Christian is a witness at every moment he is in the presence of another human being. The conscientious pastor is deeply aware of this each time he stands before a congregation to preach, and when he is called to speak to one whose life is ebbing away. But he is just as truly a witness on the golf links or in the department store. Simon Peter was a witness for Christ when he delivered that magnificent sermon on the day of Pentecost and 3,000 souls were won to Christ. But Simon Peter was also a witness the night he began to curse and to swear and to say, "I know not the man!"

Suggested Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Call to Worship: I Timothy 6:12
Hymns: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah; Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life; I Would Be True*
Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-9; 2:46,47
Announcements and Offering
Prayer Time
Leader's Introduction
Talk by Lay Leader
Role Playing
Leader's Conclusion
Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
Benediction

In I Corinthians 4:2, Paul asserted, "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." A steward is one who is entrusted with the wealth of his master. As Christians, we have been entrusted with the treasure of the Gospel of Christ. Witnessing for Christ is discharging the office of stewardship.

Remember that according to the parable of the talents in Matthew 25, the Lord gives the same commendation to each faithful servant, whether his talents are many or few. God does not expect us to do greater things than He gives us equipment to do. He never asks us to do more than He gives us tools with which to work. But He does expect us to use to the full the opportunities He makes for us and the time that He gives us. This includes a great quantity of day-by-day, hour-by-hour, and moment-by-moment living as a testimony for Him.

Someone has said that all too often the forces of right are magnificent in a crisis, but the rest of the time they let the battle go to the enemy. Our Lord commanded that we should be witnesses unto Him. But the disciples found that this involved "continuing daily with one accord in the temple" (Acts 2:46).

The *Person* of our witnessing must be Christ. The witness merely to our own resolve or our own experience must be less than pleasing to Him, and ineffective or worse. Our own relationship to Christ must be genuine and personal, but effective witness must be to *Him* and to His Cross. He, lifted up, will draw all men unto Him.

The *Power* of the witness must be the Spirit of God. Our daily living is worthwhile only as it evidences the "fruit of

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the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22-24). The task is too great, the enemy is too strong, and the issues are too eternal for Christian witnessing to be undertaken in anything less than the power of the Spirit of God.

The apostle Paul in charging young Timothy to faithfulness, charged him by the example of "Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession" (I Timothy 6:13). Christ has sent His Holy Spirit to the child of God to bear with him, to lead him, and to empower him in the task and privilege of daily witnessing. To start the day to be a witness without a conscious abiding in Christ's presence is folly. The simplest day of witnessing in His strength is a day of joy and service.

Role Playing

1. I am Andrew. Perhaps I am best known as Simon Peter's brother (Matthew 4:18; 10:2). Although I am one of the twelve disciples that Jesus called to be with Him (Mark 1:16,29), I am not mentioned often in the New Testament, for I have never taken a place of popular leadership. My home is the little village of Bethsaida in north Galilee. I was engaged in commercial fishing there before Christ called me, and I am more at home on blue Galilee than in crowded Jerusalem. Yet some believers have called me the first missionary, for I brought Peter to Jesus (John 1:40-42).

2. I am Mary Magdalene. There are so many Marys in the Bible that the name of the little town in Galilee from which I came—Magdala—is almost always mentioned when I am spoken of. I am not mentioned often in the Bible, but the story has grown up that I am a woman of bad moral character. The Bible does not say this of me, but rather that I was afflicted with demon possession (Luke 8:2). I wish it would be remembered of me that I loved my Saviour with all my heart, that I stood by Him even at the cross (John 19:25) and when His body was laid in the tomb (Mark 15:47), and that I was the first to see Him when He arose from the grave (Mark 16:9).

3. I am Thomas. Not even my home town is mentioned in the Bible, although I am one of the twelve disciples (Mark 3:18). People seem to remember about me only that I would not believe until I saw the risen Lord myself, and "put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side" (John 20:25). But when the others were fearful of going to Jerusalem just before the Cross, I offered to go to die with Him (John 11:16), and when I saw Him with the nail-pierced hands, my confession "my Lord and my God" was complete (John 20:28). Then I witnessed for Him in Jerusalem (Acts 1:13).

4. I am Lydia. I am mentioned in only one chapter in the Bible, and that is in the Book of Acts (chapter 16). Originally from Thyatira, I was in business in Philippi ("a seller of purple") when Paul and Silas preached the word of the Lord there. The Holy Spirit brought conviction to my heart, and I opened my heart to Christ and was baptized with the rest of my household. Even though Paul and Silas were just out of prison, I opened my home to them, and I made a public testimony of my new faith.

5. I am Stephen. I am a Jew, but I was educated in Grecian culture. I became one of the early believers in the Lord Jesus Christ after His resurrection. Soon I was appointed by the church at Jerusalem as one of the first deacons (Acts 6:5). But I was not content just to "serve tables," and God gave me a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I was charged with heresy by the Sanhedrin, but when they asked me to explain my convictions, I presented Christ Jesus as the goal of Hebrew history (Acts 7:51-53). They in rage stoned me to death, and I am known as the first Christian martyr (Acts 22:20).

6. I am Eunice. I am mentioned in only one verse in the New Testament (II Timothy 1:5). It may be that my marriage was a mistake, but the apostle Paul spoke warmly of my mother's faith, and of mine, and this faith was imparted to my son Timothy, who was the beloved companion of the great apostle, and in many ways his successor. I thank God for my son and his great testimony for Christ.

Leader's Conclusion

Our Scripture lesson is pointed up by two important concepts: "ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1:8), and "they (the disciples), continuing daily with one accord" (Acts 2:46). One who knows Christ as his Saviour wants to be a *witness*, but often the *continuing daily* is not so well done.

Witnessing does not consist alone in the thrilling events of a Pentecost, when in response to Peter's preaching 3,000 souls "gladly received his word." It consists also in day-by-day consistent living, which sometimes may seem wearisome or even monotonous. There was never again such a mass response as by the 3,000 on the day of Pentecost. But the believers continued daily in their witnessing.

What is witnessing? A witness is one who testifies to the truth. In a court trial, a witness is one who is called to testify from personal knowledge concerning facts related to the trial. Daily witnessing about our knowledge of Christ is that which counts in the long run. Our lives are made up of small events. In the parable of the talents, our Lord said, "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord" (Matthew 25:21).

There are actually two phases to witnessing. The witnessing itself is expressed through day-by-day living for Christ and service for others. But the effective message to a seeking soul whose heart has been opened by the Spirit of God must come from the personal relationship of the witness himself to Christ as his own Saviour.

True witnesses for Christ are as needed today, are as effective today, and are the same today as those we read of in the Book of Acts. May God give us the consuming personal desire to be on Christ's Honor Roll of His witnesses.

Daily Bible Readings

M. Sept. 21 Paul Witnesses under Hardships
II Corinthians 11:24-33

T. Sept. 22 Stephen Witnesses unto Death
Acts 7:54-60

W. Sept. 23 John Bears Witness John 1:6-13

T. Sept. 24 Peter Witnesses with Boldness
Acts 2:29-36

F. Sept. 25 Timothy Witnesses before Many
I Timothy 6:11-16

S. Sept. 26 Jesus Commands Witnessing
Matthew 28:18-20

Sun. Sept. 27—Topic: On Christ's Honor Roll
Acts 1:1-9; 2:46,47

Comments by Dr. Elias D. White, Pastor of the First Brethren Church, La Verne, California

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Topics and Helps

FOR YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS

Topic Summaries for September

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee

The Adult Work Committee which prepared these summaries included Dr. Earle W. Gates, chairman; Joan Pyle, Rev. Walter C. Schaeffer, and Wanna Sell.

Civic Responsibilities (three topics)

1. To Wear Out or Rust Out

Exodus 20:9; Ecclesiastes 5:12

Someone has said, "It is better to wear out than to rust out." Oftentimes the emphasis in the commandment, "Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the sabbath . . ." is placed on the rest on the seventh day. The commandment also commands six days of work. Honest physical and mental labor has rewards. These rewards and blessings can be the core of discussion. A Roman author said, "To labor is to pray." Discuss the idea but keep in mind that it was written before the time of Christ. Can it be of significance in a Christian's life?

2. To Be a Prayer Warrior (a case history)

James 5:12, Revelation 3:14-16

Mrs. B. was a delightful person. She was a sweet, energetic, vivacious woman who was *for* everything. When they asked her to serve lunch at the club meeting, she just plain forgot. Since no one wanted such a glaring error to occur again, they asked her to be a greeter for the next meeting. Somehow, she again failed and arrived ten minutes late but with her vivacious smile. Twice more she was given responsibilities and she somehow managed to miss fulfilling them. The women's group then, not daring to chance another failure, made her a prayer warrior, gave her a prayer list, and each prayed she would follow through. When does a leader need to admonish mistakes or individuals? Does Mrs. B. have the ability to be a good prayer warrior? How could the group have prevented the total irresponsibility of Mrs. B.? Does a Christian have an obligation greater than the non-Christian in fulfilling duties assigned to him outside the church?

3. To Stand By (a case history)

Luke 18:16,17; James 2:1-10

Tom, the second child in a family of nine, was unwanted. At the time of his birth his mother was terribly ill. An older sister was cared for by a wealthy aunt and Tom was left in a home. Although not proven to be true, Tom was blamed for his mother's mental illness, and resentment existed in the family. Other children were born later but Tom never belonged. He became the brunt of all family emotional outbursts. He was big enough to know better but not old enough. At ten he was working as an adult doing farm chores. He was often called to baby-sit with the younger children while Mom and Dad spent an evening out. He was beaten occasionally and once managed to dodge a pail of scalding water thrown at him by his father. One Sunday, at fourteen years of age, he took his own life by hanging himself. Situations similar to Tom's exist. What responsibility do neighbors, friends, relatives, and school personnel have when a child is being mistreated? What agencies will help? What laws or legal authorities will take steps to alter such a situation? What is the Christian's responsibility?

He Can Not Be Hidden

Mark 6:31,32; 7:24

The pace of the business world is such that man needs to relax and regain his strength periodically. Even Jesus found it necessary to "get away from it all" on occasion. Modern man has devised means of recreation which tend to increase his weariness rather than restore his strength. The Christian must always seek out that form of activity which tends to re-create. The young adult group has special responsibilities in this field. Not only must this group be concerned about recreation among its own members, but it should also provide leadership in this field for teen-agers. What standards can be used to determine what is Christian recreation and what is not? Do we use recreation to witness to our faith? Should we? What can we do to improve the tone of recreation in our community?

"THE GLORIOUS COMPANY . . ."

By Bert H. Davis

FROM a Kentucky campus: "After I receive my degree from Berea College I plan to enter law school. Then as a lawyer I'll return to my home in East Tennessee. My ambition is to contribute in every way possible to the advancement of the people I belong to and love, helping make their future more than a sawmill and their success more than three meals a day."

Tom Phillips, the student quoted here, is surrogate for many among today's college students and other youth. In Tom's company we find those who will become active Christian workers in civic betterment. These will be good neighbors, useful churchmen, "the salt of the earth" in their Christian witness.

However resultful is your own unselfish service in church and community, as a young adult, remember that your example influences many younger Christians. Weren't you influenced in your own acceptance of church and community responsibilities by what you saw other Christian laymen doing?

Call this to mind when on some occasions the objectives you seek, the causes you aid, seem less fruitful than you had expected. Today's cause may advance slowly, but your labor for it despite difficulties is a witness to younger North America if not indeed to your own generation.

When you set down the needs for voluntary service in your neighborhood, take note of the plight of those whose schooling is not suited to present occupational standards.

Slow learners in the seventh and eighth grades of Central New York schools are being tutored by volunteers. The instruction is given for two hours each week per student, by college students and young adults—unpaid. There is a similar and even more pressing need among unskilled jobless adults. To qualify for skilled or semi-skilled employment, these among our neighbors need instruction in, say, reading, grammar, math. Much of such help must be personalized to meet the individual's needs.

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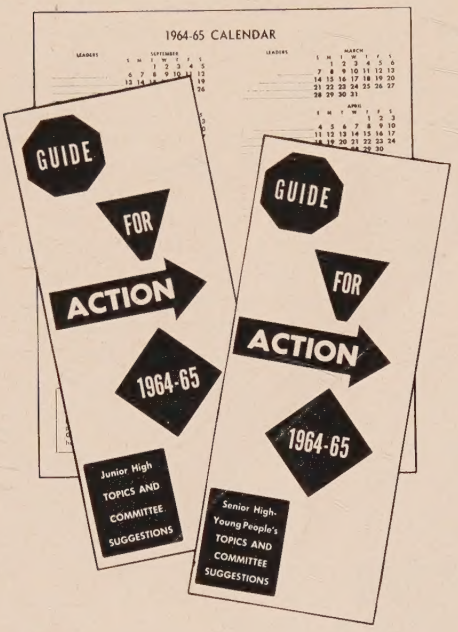

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